



"For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world." 1 John 2:16

Nothing compares to the freeing promises of God.

satan's 3-pronged plan of attack on our hearts:

1. Make us crave and be preoccupied with physical gratification; sex, drugs, alcohol or food.

(Satan tempts us with whatever physical stimulation we are too preoccupied by — be it taste, smell, sound, touch or sight. These things are good within the boundaries where God meant for them to be enjoyed. But venture outside God's intention for them, and they become an attempt to try and get our needs met outside the will of God.)

2. Make us want to acquire things to the point we bow down to the god of materialism.

(Satan flashes the newer, bigger and seemingly better things of this world in front of us, trying to lure us into thinking we must have it. "This will make me fulfilled. This will make me happy." And then it wears out, breaks down, gets old and reveals just how temporary every material thing is.)

3. Make us boastful about what we have or do. Keep us distracted and obsessed with our status and significance.

(Likewise, Satan tempts us to try and elevate ourselves over others. We wrongly think we have to become something the world calls worthy. This creates a need within our flesh to have people notice us, commend us, revere us and stroke our pride. We then dare to boast about all we are.)

Satan has no power over us except what we allow. Moment by moment, decision by decision, step by step — we can operate in God's all-powerful truth.

